

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Arctic Trails Chapter 71
Executive Board Meeting
August 21, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by the President, Steve Taylor, in Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way, Fairbanks Alaska.

Roll Call: Present were Charlie Parr SR/WA, Terry Griffin, Cora Shook, Jacquie Goss R/WA, Stu Pechek, Steve Taylor, and George Stefan.

President's Report: Steve reported on the Governance Task Force Survey email that just came out.

Approval of the Minutes: Cora moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 Executive Board meeting and Stu seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Terry reported the checking account balance was \$3,932.05 and that all reimbursements have been paid to date.

Committee Reports

Education (Steve Taylor, chair): Steve reported the Education Committee met a couple weeks ago and came up with an education plan:

- Fall 2019 – C225 Social Ecology: Kevin Preister will be the instructor, and he preferred the November 8 course date. Cora offered to host Kevin at her home. Steve and George have been working on possible venues. Pike's is available and the Hampton Inn is a possibility. Cora offered to look into the T2 room at DOT. Steve explained that C225 offers a broader perspective on right-of-way projects and emphasizes the importance of a community consensus for large scale projects. Steve assumes FNSB staff may be interested in the course, and Cora confirmed that DOT has a training budget.
- Spring 2020 – Know Your Property Seminar: Steve commented that we could tweak last year's program a little bit so it could be certified for appraisers and real estate professionals. It should be free to the public again except for those seeking continuing education credit. Potentially the seminar could be offered over several evenings or on Saturday in order to attract more of the general public. We spent roughly \$400 in total for the seminar. Charlie suggested a nominal \$20 fee since food is being offered.
- Fall 2020 – Fall Forum: Chapter 71 will host the Fall Forum. We'll hold a 1-day course, separate and prior to the forum. Course possibilities are C431 Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions, C304 When Public Agencies Collide, or any of the Environment C600 Series. Cora mentioned that when we previously hosted it, we had an Alaska "game feed" potluck at the Morris Thompson Cultural Center. Charlie suggested the environmental course be instructed by Fred Walasavage. Charlie recounted the higher thresholds IRWA used to have for qualified instructors and that currently we only have two or three CLIMB instructors in Alaska. Stu explained the CLIMB concerns have been the topic at the latest forums.

Membership (Tim Sprout, chair): Steve clarified the membership incentives Chapter 71 has been awarded. We have three free memberships and one free 2020 conference registration. The membership award applies to the 2020 calendar and is for a full year membership. Recommendations for the membership were discussed as Henry Irving (City of Fairbanks surveyor) and Dian Siegfried and Laurie Swartz from the University of Alaska Land Management.

Professional Development (Pat Thayer, chair): Steve sent out an email to those working on SR/WA accreditation. There is a SR/WA preparation course taught by Dawn Fletcher of Chapter 4 who will be organizing it for this upcoming spring. Charlie provided a history on SR/WA accreditation.

Program (Vacant): Steve recommended the last Wednesday in September for our lunch presentation and asked if anyone wants to organize it or if they have someone in mind for presenting. We'll likely have it at Miguel's in September. Steve explained several of the recurring issues with Miguel's: noise, minimum of 20 needed for buffet, owner wanting more definite numbers on guests, sometimes a discrepancy between those who RSVP and actually attend. Denny's may be a possible location change for our monthly luncheon presentations. Possible presentations are from Bill Butler (City of NP water expansion), IGU, Stu & AJ, Trails & Parks Foundation. We can have flexible dates for our presenters. Jacquie suggested a presentation on University land offerings due to budget cutbacks. George suggested Sandra Mota to present on FNSB Land Management. Cora recommended a tax foreclosure specialist present.

Web & Blog (Charlie Parr, chair): No updates.

New Business: Charlie handed out proposed changes for certification procedures for courses and instructors. In October applications are going out for comment.

Next board meeting: September 18

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved 9/18/19 By:  Steve Taylor, President